

Executive Registry

76-2523

11 June 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Angus MacLean Thuermer
Assistant to the Director

SUBJECT : Air Force Association Briefing Request

As I mentioned briefly at the 11 June morning meeting, the Air Force Association is holding its 30th annual national convention in Washington next September.

Their executive director has asked if 500 members can come out here by bus to be briefed on September 22.

I hope that our experience with the AIAA did not leave us so puckered up we can't respond to this good opportunity. The Association is composed of Air Force veterans, many of them retired officers, reservists or guardsmen. The delegates come from 300 cities in every state. Many are civic leaders.

I favor ~~our~~ obliging these people. Incidentally, the new guidelines on public speaking are ready for the Management Committee to consider.

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The Association's letter is attached. We should give them the courtesy of an early reply.

Angus MacLean Thuermer

*This might be occasion to consider
AIAA in light of these new
guidelines - this group for
example, is major lobby for Aero-
space industry, B-1 bomber, etc.*

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MEMO TO: DDCI
DDI

VIA : ES

We should go ahead with
this one; if you agree, we shall
proceed with arrangements.

Andrew Falkiewicz
A/DCI

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Assistant to the DCI

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Angus:

See DCI's note but keep in mind that these guidelines have not yet been approved because they are the subject of a Hank Knoche/Paul Walsh dialogue at the moment. In order to play it safe, please review with Walsh and clear with Knoche.

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June 9, 1976

Mr. Angus Thuermer
Assistant to the Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Thuermer:

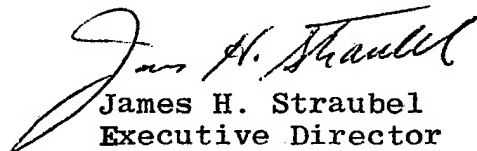
Confirming your conversation today with Ed Ulsamer of our staff, please consider this a formal request for a briefing on the Central Intelligence Agency at your Headquarters in Langley, Virginia, during our 30th annual National Convention next September.

Specifically, we would like a briefing on the morning of Wednesday, September 22. We could be in place at your auditorium at 9:00 a.m. and depart at 11:00 a.m. on that date. Attendance would be restricted to up to 500 of our registered convention delegates. No invitations would be extended to representatives of the media. All in attendance would be transported to and from your Headquarters by our buses.

Our registered delegates include our National Officers, Members of our Board of Directors, Regional Vice Presidents, State Presidents, Chapter Presidents and other appointed delegates from more than 300 cities in every state in the nation. All of these officials serve our Association on a voluntary basis. Most of them are civic leaders. Virtually all of them are Air Force veterans. Many are retired officers, Reservists or Guardsmen.

All of these AFA leaders have a particular interest in and concern over The Threat. A CIA briefing at your Headquarters would be the highlight of their convention program. We would appreciate anything you could do to help make it possible, and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


James H. Straubel
Executive Director

JHS:ejv

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76-10315

October 19, 1976

Dear Ed,

Thank you very much for your thoughtful letter of October 6th.

I enjoyed being there at the University Club. This job is a tough one in the sense that it is hard to be as direct as one would like in responding to questions, but your letter made me feel less concerned about my appearance there.

Thanks so much for writing.

Yours very truly,



George Bush

Mr. Edward R. Finch, Jr.
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PERSONAL

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Dear George:

This is just a personal note to congratulate you upon your fine off-the-record address at the University Club of New York last evening. It was brief, candid and very much to the point and has helped the President and many leaders and the public here in New York City to better understand the Central Intelligence Agency of the United States in its vital role for the United States.

Your answer to my question regarding the CIA's coordination relationship to the DIA and the NSC was very helpful in clarifying this important CIA role in the minds of the many distinguished persons present.

Best regards,

Sincerely,


Edward R. Finch

ERF:R

Hon. George Bush
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
McLean, Virginia

26-10298/A

October 18, 1976

Dear Dan,

I have been thinking about your wonderful invitation for December 15th. Pres also spoke to me about it.

In looking at my calendar I just don't see how I can accept. I have a major trip planned at that time, and though it is possible I will be back, it is highly unlikely. Thus, there would be a major degree of uncertainty if I accepted so I'd better say no. The event is important enough that you lock in a speaker and do it well in advance.

Thank you for thinking of me. I will be at the Yale Club for a class dinner in the not too distant future, but I would have preferred to do this broader Council meeting. Unfortunately, I just can't say yes. I do hope you understand.

Yours very truly,


George Bush

Mr. Daniel C. Cook
The Yale Club
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 5, 1976

Dear George:

I would be delighted if you would be the guest of honor of The Yale Club of New York at a dinner to be held on December 15th. The Club Council (of which Pres is a newly elected member) is inviting as its guests over two hundred prominent members of the alumni body, and I am sure that they would want to hear from a fellow alumnus who figures so importantly on the Washington scene.

I certainly hope that you can be with us for what promises to be an interesting and convivial evening.

With best wishes and looking forward to hearing from you,

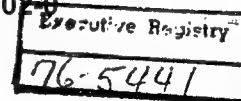
Sincerely,

Dan

Daniel C. Cook

The Honorable George Bush, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Yes _____
No X



October 13, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: DCI
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FROM : Andrew T. Falkiewicz
Assistant to the Director

During my absence on leave on Thursday and Friday, October 14 and 15, [REDACTED] will be acting in the area of press relations, and Mr. [REDACTED] in the balance of activities of this office. [REDACTED] will attend the DCI's morning meetings.

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Andrew T. Falkiewicz

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12 October 1976

DDCI,

Attached is extract with the
reply on the assassination inquiry.
The remainder of the press interview
will be coming shortly. The
additional, later statement on the
inquiry was not on the recording --
apparently my mistake in handling
the recorder.

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DA/DCI

Paul Alfrey

Extract from Press Interview with Mr. Knoche, at Student Center,
Washington & Jefferson College, Washington, Pa., 9 Oct. 1976

(Earl Bugile, News Director, WKEG:) What do you feel -- what does CIA feel -- about the recent opening of investigations on the assassinations of President Kennedy and Martin Luther King. What do you think is the feeling in CIA about that?

(Mr. Knoche:) Well, those are subjects that will forever, I would imagine, be subjects which are surrounded by curiosity, uncertainty. I'm not at all sure that anyone is going to be able to construct the precise facts that obtain, and I am not in a position really to comment, on what the new inquiries will result in. Certainly, the CIA will cooperate with those investigators. The unfortunate Kennedy assassination took place some 13 years ago. We made very full disclosures at the time to the Warren Commission. There is some puzzlement as to whether or not certain kinds of information might in hindsight have been turned over to the commission. I'm not in a position to comment on that. I think the inquiry will have to look into that and satisfy itself. But when one has to try to prove the negative, that is, prove that the CIA was not involved, or prove that the FBI was not involved, prove that the Cubans were not involved, prove that the Soviets were not involved, proving the negative is almost impossible. And inquiries may help, but my hunch is that uncertainty will continue in the future.

(Statement added later that based on experience in the Agency he could not imagine that CIA was involved.)

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Public Understanding Of CIA Called Crucial

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Dave good
story!

By BOB ROBERTSON
Staff Writer

The deputy director of the CIA said in an interview here Saturday he is certain the agency had no part in the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and the Rev. Martin Luther King.

"I cannot imagine the agency being in any way involved in either of these unfortunate events," commented E. Henry Knoche, who has held the No. 2 post since his appointment by President Ford last April.

Knoche, a 1947 graduate of Washington and Jefferson College where he was a standout basketball player, said his opinion is based on an association with agency dating back to 1953.

His comments were in response to a question asking

for his assessment of the House Select Committee re-opening the investigation of the slayings.

Knoche said the CIA had made full disclosures to the Warren Commission which probed the Kennedy assassination and would cooperate with the new investigation.

"I am not sure anyone will ever construct the precise facts, however," Knoche said of the Kennedy case.

Proving negatives, that the CIA was not involved; that the FBI was not involved, or that Cuba was not involved, is almost impossible, he said.

Knoche was asked about the effect of public disclosures on the CIA.

"One positive effect has been that it has made the subject of intelligence public

and demonstrates how it can fit into a constitutional framework."

With the new guidelines imposed by executive order, the agency has improved oversight from the Congress, the executive branch of government and the public, he said.

The understanding of the public is crucial, Knoche said, and his appearance here demonstrates that the agency feels it must be accountable to the public.

The image of intelligence as projected by James Bond's "007" and the "Get Smart" television program has been "all shootem up, violence and reprisal," according to Knoche.

Despite its apparent change in philosophy, Knoche said, "Secrets are vital to our

business."

Why the need for secrecy?

"To protect our sources and because of certain state affairs such as battle plans for a war or foreign troubles," he said.

Knoche labeled as "absurdities" charges that the CIA maintains such great secrecy because it does not want bad publicity or that it wants to "keep people in the dark."

As for electronic eavesdropping, Knoche admitted it is a "difficult area." He also acknowledged it is a legitimate concern of the public.

"I assure you there is wisdom in the process by which it is handled," he began, and added, "we are

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HENRY KNOCHE

doing it without turning Washington, D.C. into 'Big Brother.'"

Knoche, a native of Mt. Lebanon, was in town to address the homecoming dinner of W&J College.

In his dinner speech, Knoche described the "unsung part" of intelligence work: "The evaluation or analysis by studious and informed people of a great many pieces of information."

He said the CIA employs

social scientists, historians, experts in international relations, economists, engineers, linguists, mathematicians, and specialists in the physical and life sciences.

"The agency can staff a small university from its corps of analysts," he said. "Thirty percent of our specialists have earned a doctorate."

Working with a library of 81,000 titles, the CIA specialists work with the goal of "timely, clear, and rapid presentation" of information to government policymakers.

"America has good intelligence. America is safe from sneak attack," Knoche said. "And the intelligence record is studded with success after success."

"American intelligence spotted the Soviet nuclear missiles being delivered to Cuba in 1962; American intelligence gave seven years warning on the development of the Moscow anti-ballistic missile system; we knew the status and design of two Soviet aircraft carriers well before the first one put to sea for trials."

"In addition to these successes related to military developments, we are successfully monitoring and predicting trends in oil prices and the flow of petrodollars; we warned last year of the imminent danger of war between two nations friendly to the U.S.; every year we turn to the task of assessing world crop prospects."

"Our main job is to give this country's leaders the deepest possible understanding of the military, political, social and economic

climate abroad where vital American interests are at stake."

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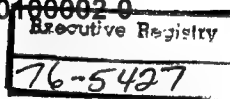
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JACK VALENTI
PRESIDENT

October 8, 1976

My dear George

I come to you with a request which, Lord knows, collides with your very busy schedule. But I am speculating that you would respond to this as I would if you were to direct it to me.

I am embarking on a new enterprise beginning in January. I will be teaching a course -- THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY IN TRANSITION -- for master's degree graduate students in political science at American University in Washington.

I would be so very grateful if you would give me one evening of your life to come before this class and discuss with them your own brand of expertise on this subject. I don't have to tell you that these students would count your appearance a highlight.

The class begins at 8:10 pm and ends at 10:40 pm, each Monday. The first class is scheduled for January 17, 1977, and the last class is April 25. If you would come one evening, we would work out a date suitable to your schedule.

Would you be agreeable to being with me and these students one evening?

I would consider your appearance a "marker" on me. You can collect on it any time you want.

May I hear from you, and I hope, favorably?

Sincerely,

The Honorable George Bush
Director
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GEORGE M. DOUGLAS

President

October 8, 1976

Dear Mr. Bush:

On behalf of the officers and members of the Air Force Association, I extend our deep thanks to you and to the Agency for arranging the briefing for our national convention delegates last month.

Seldom have we received such praise for a single program. This obviously reflects the high caliber of the briefers and is an acknowledgment of the forthright and candid presentation which our delegates received.

I want to especially thank Mr. E. Henry Knoche for his introductory remarks, Mr. Paul Walsh, who did a wonderful job as Panel Moderator, the four panelists, and [REDACTED] who was most efficient in working out administrative details with our staff.

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Thank you again for allowing us to share in this most informative and worthwhile program.

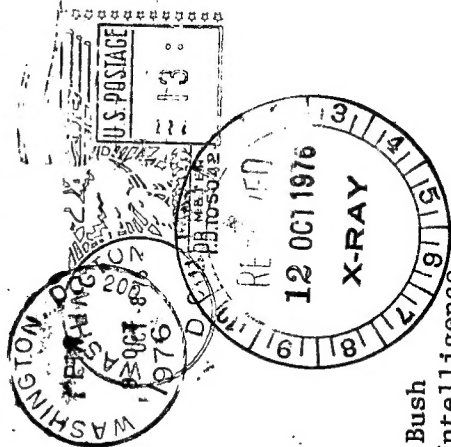
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Paul Walsh

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